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**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-24 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 8-10, 14, 18, 19, and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (USP 4,969,171). Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 12, 15-17, and 20 were indicated as allowable.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's willingness to discuss the outstanding claim rejections in the Telephone Interview held on May 20, 2005.

Applicant has amended claim 8 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 15, which was indicated as allowable. Applicant has also amended claim 18 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 20, which was indicated as allowable. Claim 25 is newly presented herein and incorporates the subject matter of claim 11, which was indicated as allowable. Claim 26 depends from claim 25 and is deemed allowable through the chain of dependency.

Therefore, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-12, and 14-24.

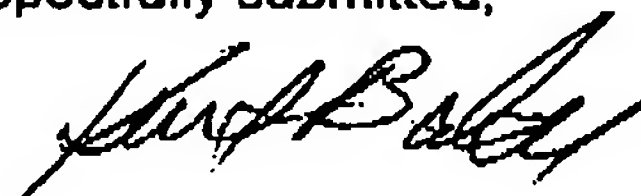
An Amendment Transmittal Letter is enclosed for any additional fees associated with entering the aforementioned claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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